

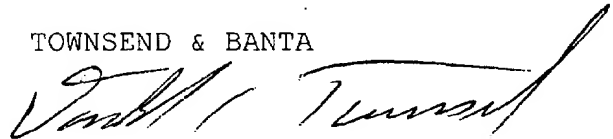
REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for a very thorough and professional Office Action in which Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were indicated as being allowed. Claims 4 and 8 are hereby cancelled placing the application in condition for allowance. Early action and allowance thereof is accordingly requested.

In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted

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